

response having been extended three months from June 18, 2002 to September 18, 2002 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The Abstract, at page 136, lines 1 to 19 has been amended to read as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

21 An electrode material for an anode of a rechargeable lithium battery, containing a particulate comprising an amorphous  $\text{Sn} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{X}$  alloy with a substantially non-stoichiometric ratio composition. For said formula  $\text{Sn} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{X}$ , A indicates at least one kind of an element selected from a group consisting of transition metal elements, X indicates at least one kind of an element selected from a group consisting of O, F, N, Mg, Ba, Sr, Ca, La, Ce, Si, Ge, C, P, B, Pb, Bi, Sb, Al, Ga, In, Tl, Zn, Be, Pr, Nd, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, As, Se, Te, Li and S, where the element X is not always necessary to be contained. The content of the constituent element Sn of the amorphous  $\text{Sn} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{X}$  alloy is  $\text{Sn}/(\text{Sn} + \text{A} + \text{X}) = 20$  to 80 atomic%. An electrode structural body for a rechargeable lithium battery, comprising said electrode material for an anode and a collector comprising a material incapable of being alloyed with lithium in electrochemical reaction, and a rechargeable lithium battery having an anode comprising said electrode structural body.